

Achieving Excellence for all

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Dear Parents/Carers,

After a busy and successful autumn term, we are looking forward to Christmas ahead. Students have continued to achieve excellence throughout the half-term and I hope you can find time to enjoy those moments by looking at the [Sway](#) and our [YouTube](#) channel. Particular thanks go to the **Music** team for all their support of Christmas events and to **Year 11 students** who organised such a wonderful **Senior Citizens' Christmas Party**.

When we return on **Monday 5th January 2026** installation of the **solar panels** will begin which will last for approximately three weeks. This clean power will enable us to make significant savings which we can reinvest in school. Lessons will continue as normal, but there will be reduced access to some parts of the school grounds. There may be some parking pressures so please take care to park politely and support our neighbours, if visiting or dropping off students for school.

We will continue to focus on our **routines and expectations** around **attendance**, **punctuality** and **uniform** which are key habits to support success.

Parent/Carer forum and Student Council feedback

Many thanks to parents/carers and students for their feedback over the last few weeks either in student council/tutor ambassador meetings or at our Parent/Carer forum.

You said	We did
We like the prize draws, but we would like more draws and a wider range of prizes.	We have introduced an Achieving Excellence draw with prizes such as selection boxes, hot chocolates, cakes, queue-jump passes, amazon vouchers and free lunches. Over 100 students won a prize in our last Achieving Excellence draw. The next draw is in February – look out for more exciting new prizes!
We think there should be clearer rules and expectations on uniform.	We have spoken to students about rules on uniform and have been checking uniform every morning.
Some of the locks on toilet doors don't lock properly.	The site team have fixed all the locks in the PE toilets and lower boys/girls.
Could each toilet have a toilet roll holder in each toilet, rather than being on the wall at the front of the toilets.	Yes – these have been ordered and will be fitted over Christmas.
The students have missed Pizzini's since they have been taken off the menu – please could they be brought back?	Yes!! Pizzini's are back on the menu!
We think there is a good range of enrichment clubs, but parents/carers don't always know which club is on and on which day and students would like a wider range of clubs.	We will send out the Spring term enrichment calendar to parents, as well as put it on the website. We are looking to try to introduce a wider range of clubs – watch this space.

We like the focus on routines but feel they could be more consistent.	We are still in the earlier stages and are pleased with how students have responded to our entrance to lesson and end of lesson (and active listening routines in Yr 7&8). We will keep returning to these with staff and students next term.
Year 8 parents – we enjoyed the Mince Pie morning last year and wondered if there were any more opportunities like this.	Yes – we are going to do a similar event at Easter – more details to follow nearer the time.
We liked Not-Off November, but a higher than usual number of students were off sick during November because of the flu. Can we have another try at this.	Look out for 'Make it in March' when we will run a similar 100% attendance competition.
Year 10 parents/carers and students – can we have the revision materials for ST 1 earlier	Yes – this will be given to students at the start of next term.
Can we increase the seating areas inside the building during lunch time.	The hall is now open every lunchtime. Additionally, each year group has its own lunchroom. We have also opened an additional classroom for students to go to during lunchtime. Students pointed out that some of the canteen chairs are missing – site staff are going to add some extra chairs in the canteen so that more students can sit-down.

Have a relaxing break and we look forward to seeing students again in 2026.

Yours faithfully,



Mr R Warburton
Headteacher



Mrs L Kane
Deputy Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date: Week Beginning	Event
Monday 5 th January (B)	Students return to school: Teams Assembly Solar panel installation begins (3 weeks)
Monday 12 th January (A)	BTEC DIT exam Y11 MfL Speaking Exams (ST2) Y9 ST1 (Week 1 of 2)
Monday 19 th January (B)	Y11 ST2 (Week 1 of 2) Y9 ST1 (Week 2 of 2)
Monday 26 th January (A)	Y11 ST2 (Week 2 of 2)
Monday 2 nd February (B)	Achieving Excellence Assembly (Silver and Bronze) SEND parent/carers Forum Y7 Progress Evening (in-person)
Monday 9 th February (A)	Year 11 School Photographs Attendance Competition and out of uniform
Half-Term	